PINE BEACH SWEPT BY ANGRY FLAMES

Eleven Large Hotels and Blair Resumes Attack on Hundreds of Shops Wiped Out.

FIFTEEN ACRES ARE DEVASTATED

Burned Territory Now Scene of Desolation-One Lone Chimney Standing There-Exposition Buildings Threatened-1,000 Homeless.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION on were several times threat-

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The total loss, estimated by the most competent authority at Pine Beach, will reach fully \$400,000. So far as is known but one life was lost in the flames. Several others are vaguely reported missing, but it is improbable that they were lost.

The name of the victim is said to be Larry Harris, a colored bootblack, who reached Pine Beach last night from North Carolina and went to sleep under the Washington House, one of the burned hotels. He tried to make his escape, but was cut off by the flames, and in an effort to break through them both of his eyes were put out and his body was badly burned. He was rescued alive, but his burns proved ned alive, but his burns proved

atal.

The section of Pine Beach burned is mmediately opposite the Maryland Avenue entrance to the Exposition frounds, extending from 10ch Street, on the north, to 102d Street, on the scuth, and from Maryland Avenue, which borders the exposition on the east, for three blocks to the west, the burned area, including the streets, being about afteen acres.

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Eleven Big Hotels Burn.

The more prominent hotels burned

The Arcade—450 feet long, three stories high, and containing 300 rooms; owned by the Arcade Hotel Corporation, R. E. Jordan, president; loss on building and furnishings, \$75,000; no insurance.

Pine Grove Hotel—112 rooms, owned by W. E. Russell; loss on building and furnishings, \$25,000; no insurance.

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Royal Pine Hotel—100 recoms, cwned by St. John and Birdsong; loss, \$18,000; no insurance.

White House Hotel—sixty-four rooms, owned by W. E. Russell; loss, \$15,000; no insurance.

Hampton Roads Hotel—forty rooms, owned by J. L. Cooper; loss, \$25,000; partly insured. This was one of the oldest and best hotels at Pine Beach, and Owner Cooper only recently refused an offer of \$25,000 for lt.

Berkley Hotel, sixty-two rooms, owned by Lane and Taub; loss, \$18,000; no insurance.

Washington Hotel, sixty rooms, owned by Eugene Herbert; loss, \$10,000; no insurance.

Jamestown Hotel, one hundred rooms, owned by Mrs. Beecher and Charles Beecher; loss, \$12,000; no insurance.

Powhatan Hotel, twenty rooms, owned by W. E. Bowman; loss, \$12,000; no insurance. This was one of the best constructed buildings at Pine Beach, and was very

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Afton Hotel, one hundred rooms, owned by Afton Hotel Corporation; loss, \$12,000; no insurance.

Parker and Ryan Hotel, with a general store on first floor; loss,

5,000; no insurance. sides these more important hotels,

consumed by the flames. These contained from ten to twenty rooms.

Among these were the Columbo, one of the first buildings constructed at Pine Beach, owned by S. Lagiglia; loss, \$8,000; no insurance.

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The National Club, owned by W. C. Lewis, loss \$10,000; no insurance. Exchange Hotel, los 4,000; no insurance. Eagle Hotel, owned by Alex. Siegel, loss \$5,000; no insurance. Empire, owned by I. Kalmanson, loss \$3,500; no insurance. Alpine owned by Merchanger St. Alpine owned by Merchang no insurance. Alpine, owned by Mr. McAlpine, loss \$6,000. The Madison, loss \$5,000. The Suffolk, loss \$6,000.

Hundreds of Shops.

thinks from a cigarette. It was but a few moments before the entire build-ing was in flames and others had baught. Those who had arisen rushed through nearby hotels and other buildings known to be doomed and

FIERY SCENES AT **BIG FULTON RALLY**

Saunders and Denies His Statements.

HARMAN STANDS BY HIS LETTER

Richmond Senator Replies Sharp ly to Blair, but Latter Makes No Response-City Committeeman Denounces Candidate Who Assailed Him.

In a vigorous campaign speech, which fairly bristled with sensational utter-GROUNDS, June 25.—Fifteen acres of land, on which were situated many large hotels and hundreds of stores and anuscement places, were swept by fire early this morning. Flames started at 5:30, and for an hour it looked as if the loss would be more serious than it even was, and bulldings of the exposition were several times threat the loss would be more serious than it even was, and bulldings of the exposition were several times threat the loss would be more serious than it even was, and bulldings of the exposition were several times threat the loss would be more serious than it even proposed to the several times threat the loss would be more serious than it even possible than the loss would be more serious than the last even sought that he had ever sought that the loss would be more serious than the loss would be more serious than the last even t man Clyde W. Saunders, denounced absolutely every statement contained in the latter's answer to his (Blair's). Church Hill speech, denied emphalically that he had ever sought Saunders's support, either personally or through friends, and declared that he did not mean to reflect upon any member of the present City Council or the Police Board.

Senator A. C. Harman, who wrote Mr. Saunders a letter printed elsewhere, stating that he was present when Blair asked Saunders to support him for the Senate, declared from the same platform a few minutes later that every word contained in his letter was true.

Fiery Meeting.

With these features and others the Fulton rally measured pretty well up to the one held in Corcoran Hall on the previous night, so far as fiery declarations are concerned.

Mr. Blair spoke with great vigor and emphasis, and publicly requested the representative of The Times-Dispatch, who was present, to report him fully on this particular point.

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Blair's Church Hill speech, had characterized as "absolutely false and malicious" the charge that he had threatened a policeman that he would not be promoted unless he voted against Blair for the Senate, and defied the former Alderman to give the name of the officer. He stated that the charges of Mr. Blair reflected seriously upon the integrity of the Police Board and members of the Council, and that Blair had put his arms around him in the presence of Senator Harman and solicited hir support. Mr. Saunders incorporated in his statement a signed letter from Senator Harman testifying that this was a fact, and that the conversation took place in his presence on Twelfth Street early in the spring of this year. In approaching the subject last night Mr. Blair said: "I want to tell you that I do not wish to retract a single word I uttered in a speech last night concerning one Clyde W. Saunders. I Shave the name of the policeman who was threatened by him if he voted for the, and I would make it public except that I do not want to get him in trou-

"Saunders tries to hide behind the

knowledge or consent.
"I refused to allow him to come into

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STATE PRIMARY

Bill Providing for Election Sys- KILLS HIMSELF tem Going Before General Assembly.

JUDGE LOVING AND JURY OF HALIFAX FARM MERS

IN WHOSE HANDS HIS LIFTE AND LIBERTY LIE



STANDARD OIL TO

JUDGELOVING IN COURT

Must Appear and Testify.

Orders Compelling Them to Attend.

CHICAGO, June 26 .- Detailed information regarding the financial con-

ment of his competitor, which was directly at variance with his own, he made no reply.

In anticipation of some further development in the Blair-Saunders controversy, a large crowd of men and women had gathered in a vacant lot where a stand had been erseted, and they did not have to wait long, for Mr. Blair was the first speaker presented by Chairman John T. Nezgle. He had not proceeded far before he took up the published statement of Mr. Saunders, and he denounced nearly every line of it in vigorous language.

What Saunders Said.

Mr. Saunders, in his reply to Mr. Blair's Church Hill speech, had characterized as "absolutely false and malicious" the charge that he had threatened a policeman that he would not be promoted unless he voted against Blair for the Senate, and defied the former Alderman to give the name of the officer. He stated that the charges of the officer here are to be summonded that the officer. He stated that the charges of the officer was the first speaker presented by Charman do not be given in the United States District Court before Judge Landis, even though it is necessary to summon the leading men of the company to obtain the United States District Court before Judge Landis, even though it is necessary to summon the leading men of the company to obtain the United States District Court before Judge Landis, even though it is necessary to summon the leading men of the company to obtain the United States District Court before Judge Landis, even pany or its attorneys.

MR. STRAUS IS PAINFULLY HURT

Thrown from Buggy by Runaway Horse Near Tredegar Iron Works.

newly-purchased horse of Mr. Allyn Straus, of 917 West Grace Street, suddenly became frightened yesterday af that I do not want to get him in trou- Straus was thrown out of the vehicle

Hundreds of Shops.

Fully 250 stores and small shops, guch as souvenir places, amusement devices, soda water places and saloons were hirmed.

W. F. Russell, a heavy real estate operator at Pine Beach, and the best informed man there as to value, estimates the loss for these places of business of \$125,000 for them.

"I refused to allow him to come into my office when he was managing the fight of Mr. J. B. Wood for Treasurer, although I was for Mr. Wood, and I believe Saunders's support lost him to heavy real estate at least \$50 votes."

Mr. Blair left the stand and went down into the audience when he finished his speech.

Senator Harman was deliberate and conservative in his reference to the interpolation of the family.

mother.

Five other members of the family (Continued on Third Page.)

ATE PRIMARY

WILL BE URGED

Wisher as a reason that she wished to see the effect of the poison. This was her third attempt to end the lives of her parents.

IN LOUISVILLE

STATE MUST PROVE RATES PROFITABLE

Officers of Corporation Burden Not on Railroad in Passenger Fare Reduction

DETERMINED TO GET FACTS THE RULING BY PRITCHARD

Judge Landis in Chicago Issues Federal Court Hears Argument in Southern vs. North Carolina.

> [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
> ASHEVILLE, N. Č., June 26.—The hearing in the suit of the Southern Railway Company against the Corporation Commission of North Carolina ration Commission of North Carolina and the Attorney-General and Assistant Attorney-General, to prevent the publication and putting into effect of the acts passed by the last Legislature reducing rates for passenger and freight transportation, was begun before United States Circuit Judge J. C. Pritchard at 10 o'clock this morning. The Southern, along with other roads interested, had previously made out a prima facie case in ex parte proceedings before Judge Pritchard, and he had granted a temporary injunction preventing the putting into effect of the rates, after requiring bond of the complainants to protect the people in the event of final decision adverse to the relief aimed at in the acts of the Legislature.
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Conjointly, the recently enacted pas-senger rate law of the State of Vir-ginia is to be tested, but the proceed-ings in court to-day had to do with the North Carolina freight and pasthe North Carolina freight and pas-senger rates as affecting the South-ern Railway. The contention of the Southern is that the new rates pro-mulgated are in effect confiscatory, that the 2 1-4-cent-a-mile passenger rate and the reduced freight rates will ruin the roads or reduce their net earnings to such a figure that they will be unable to pay reasonable divi-dends; the effect as contended being to deprive the owners of the stock of

Many Officials Attend

The entire Corporation Com Council and Police Board and says my after, smashing the vehicle, broke utterances against him reflected upon them. I thank God that there are but from the shafts, and kept on his mad them. I thank God that there are but from the shafts, and kept on his mad them. I thank God that there are but from the shafts, and kept on his mad them. I thank God that there are but from the shafts, and kept on his mad the vehicle, broke if work the first state of the shafts, and kept on his mad the vehicle, broke the shafts, and kept on his mad the vehicle, broke the shafts, and kept on his mad the vehicle, broke the shafts, and kept on his mad the vehicle, broke the hearing, including Franklin McNeill, of Wilmington, chairman; E. C. Bedding-field, of Raleigh, and Samuel L. Rogers, of Franklin. Southern Rall-way officials present include President W. W. Finley, of Washington; First Vice-President A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh; Vice-President A. B. Andrews, of Rought of Washington; General Counsel C. B. The hors, of Washington, and Passenger Traffic Manager S. H. Hardwick, of Washington, and Passenger Traffic Manager S. H. Hardwick, of Washington. ton: Assistant General Codings C. D. Northrop, of Washington; Chief Engineer D. W. Lum, of Washington; Freight Traffic Manager L. Green, of Washington, and Passenger Traffic Manager S. H. Hardwick, of Washing-

Family.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SALISBURY, N. C., June 26.—On the charge of poisoning five members of her own family, Cora Setzer, colored, was lodged in jail at Salisbury to-day to await trial in Superior Court. In a hearing before a justice of the peace the girl plead guilty to placing rough on rats in the coffee of her father and mother.

Manager S. H. Hardwek, of vashing ton.

Others present are Walker D. Hines, of New York, as special counsel; Henry C. Wickham, of Richmond, general counsel of the Chesapeake and coinsel for the Norfolk and Western; H. Walters, of New York, chalring to the counsel for the Norfolk and Western; H. Walters, of New York, chalring to counsel for the Norfolk and Western; H. Walters, of New York, chalring to counsel for the Chesapeake and counsel for the Norfolk and Western; H. Walters, of New York, chalring to counsel for the Chesapeake and couns

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SOUTHERN GIVES UP THE CENTRAL

To Be Operated Hereafter as an Independent Property.

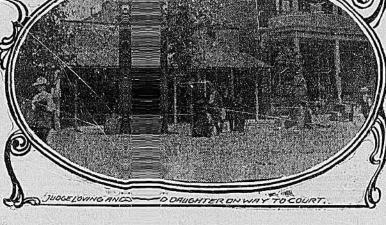
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By Walter Edward Harris.

Washington, D. C., June 26.—It was stated here to-night by a prominent virginian that a bill had been deliming. The residents of the Beach valiantly fought the onward march of the flames, but for the lack of water and free-fighting apparatus they yould make little impression on it.

The Jamestown Exposition Fire Department also sood appeared on the scene, as did the Pocahonts Guard, inder the command of Capitain Henry C. Carpenter, but their energies were devoted principally to protecting the last behavior of condidates at a primary election of the best-known and most influentiaties are compiled with the same of the best-known and most influentiaties are compiled with the formal devoted principally to protecting the formal devoted principally to protecting the first partial members of the lower House, who has seldom failed to push through any formal proposal processing the providing for a State primary election of candidates at a primary election may do so, provided certain notice of candidates at a primary election may do so, provided certain notice of candidates at a primary election may do so, provided certain notice of candidates at a primary election may do so, provided certain notice of candidates at a primary election may do so, provided certain notice of candidates at a primary election may do so, provided certain notice of candidates at a primary election of candidates



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Pollard Declares Enginees - eer Is Responsible for Throwingg g Away \$10,000.

LETTER TO COMMITTE EE READ

Members Advocate Forn = mal Protest Against Attitude oo of Engineer, but Defers Aco___ction.

The Council Committee C on alphot
tionment of Expenditures ini in the An-
nexed Territory last night I received a
communication from City Erro ngineer W.
E. Cutshaw touching upon ========== the pub-
lished criticisms of the woo-ork of the
engineer's department, and E defending
it. The engineer also asked - that he be
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preferred that the committee would ex-
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Messrs, T. Crawford Redbedd & Bro.
were present and reiterated b - d their ex-
pressed desire to be permitte-s ed to with-
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situation carefully and engage aging in lively discussion, during what he city engineer was sharply critis ticized, the committee decided to so rea but indicated that all the mean members desired to disclaim any responses sublility for the additional expense put it upon the city by the attitude of the continuous members desired in this matter, as they viewed it.

Several sewer and street it improvements in the annexed terrility ritory, were recommended by the committies title.

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Communication From Col. • Cutshaw.

The action of the Board office of Aldermen in recommitting the resolutiff) tion recommending the award of the coecutract for surveying the new urban term ornitory was formally communicated to this the committee. Immediately thereafter in the clerk read the following letter from rom Colonel W. E. Cutshaw, City Engirediate, with reference to this contract and in the published criticisms of the wone ork of that department:

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Richmond, Va., June 2@2 26, 1907,

To the Chairman and Merro—embers of the committee on Array Apportionment of Expenditures as in Annexed Territory, Richman mond Va.:

Gentlemen,—The action of or your committee and the over—erwhelming desire shown by the contract for surveying the oe annexed territory to T. Crawford of all Redd & Bro., without the supervive vision by myself, indicates that you ou desire them to do the work within as transpired up to this time and the contract for surveying the supervision.

"In view of all that has as transpired up to this time and the contract to be relieved of the this last bid, I must ask to be excust used from having any connection with it.

When the Redd Brothers: first put a bid in with your commit. Imfittee it.

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Complaint Being Made of Prices, Unsatisfactory Delivery and Purity

INFECTED ICE CONVEYS FEVER

Health Department Endeavoring to Trace Sources of Typhoid

In this connection it is interesting to note that the Health Department of the city is even now making an investigation into the matter of the clissem-

Man Used Dynamite When Wife Refused to Live With

MONROE, MICH., June 28.—After his wife had refused to day to come back and live with him because of his drinking habits, George Kummer, a quarryman here, walked to the barn at the rear of his wife's house, lay down on the floor and hlow himself to pleces with a stick of dynamite. He had carried the dynamite has hand from the quarry, where he was employed, and evidently had planned the suicide if his wife persisted in refused to live with him. All that was left of him after, the explosion-were his legs.

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Having soften these statements before the just cry, Mr. The Lee, of counsel for the defense se, introduced Dr. Charles M. Emmon se, a www well-known specialis of brain diffusionesses, www.se, of Washington, and The ice question is looking up to formidable proportions in several of its aspects, and, paradoxical as the statemnt may seem, it promises to become a burning issue. One of the most interesting phases of the question is that as to the purity of the lee or of the water from which it is artificially frozen. It is a well recognized fact among scientists that cold does not destroy bacteria, and that ice may be, and often is, a prolific source of disease and a dangerous method of spreading it.

Infected Ice.

through infected ice.

Dr. Allen W. Freeman, medical inspector, stated yesterday that in his effort to locate the source of infection from which five cases of typhoid fever originated he had ascertained that three of the patients took ice from the same company and from the same wagon. He has not yet had opportunity to make a bacteriological analysis of the water used, but stated that he was informed that it was distilled water. The matter will be carefully investigated.

Another phase of the ice problem is the philanthropic one. An appeal is made to-day for contributions to the fund for maintaining the children's ward at the Memorial Hospital, where the sick infants and little ones may

the fund for maintaining the children's ward at the Memorial Hospital, where the sick infants and little ones may have ice and all else needed for their comfort.

Now Making Tests.

Referring to sanitary ice supply, it may be of interest to note that the bacteriologist of the Health Department, Dr. J. M. Whitfield, is now doing valuable work analyzing and otherwise testing the milk supply, specimens of drinking water and ice.

The department makes two tests of milk, one a sanitary test for bacteria, and the other a test to ascertain, the quantity of solids in milk. The milk in small tubes is placed as radii in a circular mechanism, known as a centile of the common and the other a test to ascertain, the quantity of solids in milk. The milk in small tubes is placed as radii in a circular mechanism, known as a centile of the common and the other a test to ascertain the quantity of solids in milk. The milk in small tubes is placed as radii in a circular mechanism, known as a centile of the common and the other at the presence of the presence at time, of the latter of the latter of the presence at time, of the latter of the lat

INTO SHREDS either," rep g slied Mr. 12 Ir. Bouldin, with some heat. At t 1 shis policit oint Mr. Lee, of counsel for the prosecu 10 cution, objected to the remarks man add to the witness and the incident clot losed, ging greatly to the disappointment of the policities of the disappointment of the site audience, who enjoyed the to the first man and we was part 27 criticalarly fucid in his sion and war was part fr a reficularly lucid in his homely exper planation to it lone addressed directly